

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know how long it will take for the dredger being put in to use at Alleppey ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : As soon as the construction of an awning is completed, that will be done.

Superintendent of the Government Press.

99. * MR. K. T. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any portion of the pay of the present Superintendent, Government Press, is under attachment ;

(b) whether his pay or any portion of it has been under attachment ;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, how long and what portion of the pay has been under attachment ; and

(d) whether there is a G. O. to the effect that the services of those whose pay is under attachment for a period of two years are liable to be dispensed with ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) In view of the answer to part (b) this does not arise.

(d) Yes, but with exceptions.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know whether there was not an attachment from the Central Co-operative Bank ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : No ; there was only a requisition for recovery. There was no attachment.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANICKAR (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*) : എക്സപ്ഷൻ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നത് ഏതവസരത്തിലാണ് ഉണ്ടാകുന്നത് ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : ഓരോ കേസും വരുമ്പോൾ അപ്പോഴപ്പോൾ തീരുമാനിക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

P. W. D. Tolls.

100. * MR. E. JOHN PHILIPSE (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the aggregate amount for which the tolls in the State were given to the contractors for 1111 ;

(b) whether the contractors had applied for any remission for 1111 ;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative the orders of the Government thereon ;

(d) the aggregate amount for which the tolls in the State were given to the contractor for 1112 ;

(e) whether the contractor has applied for any remission for 1112 ; and

(f) the orders, if any, passed by the Government on such applications, if any ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (a) Rs. 6,37,250.

(b) Yes, some.

(c) The applications have been rejected.

(d) Rs. 5,70,000.

(e) Yes.

(f) Final orders have not been passed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*) : I wish to know whether it is a fact that contract for 1111 was given in cancellation of the original tenders and on a voluntary offer of a certain amount by the contractor concerned ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Will the member please repeat the question ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : In regard to the contract for 1111, I wish to know whether it was in cancellation of the prior auction this new contract was given ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : In 1111, there was open auction and the contracts were given to the highest bidders. But in 1112, regular open auction was conducted but the bids were not accepted as they were very low.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Then may I know whether it was reserved for the contractor as a result of auction ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : It was an offer from the contractor.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know whether any auction was previously held ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Yes Sir.

PRESIDENT : The honourable member may perhaps explain the circumstances that prevailed at that time.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : In the auction held, the bid amounts offered for the several gates were found comparatively low and were therefore considered not satisfactory. Tenders were then received from various persons offering higher amounts and the gates were given to the tenderer who offered the highest amount for all the gates.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know the grounds on which Government did not think it necessary to auction ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : There was not sufficient time to conduct a re-auction after giving due publicity and there did not arise any necessity either, as the highest offer was sufficiently attractive. There is also the fact that Government are at perfect liberty to dispose of the matter in any manner they desire.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : In a case like that, may I know whether the contractor voluntarily offered a certain amount and therefore the contract was given to him ? Or is it usual to consider an application without an auction being held ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : In this case it was a voluntary offer and the offer was accepted as it was the highest.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Then may I know the ground on which remission is now asked for ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I claim notice.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE : Does the honourable member remember the statement made by the Dewan President when this point was raised in the budget debate that, if any applications for remission come up, it will certainly be rejected?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Will the member please repeat the question?

PRESIDENT : I think the honourable member on the treasury bench must be more alert.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE : Does the honourable member remember the statement of the Dewan President when this matter was raised during the budget debate of the last session that, if any applications for remission come in, they will certainly be rejected?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I claim notice.

Urinals in Markets.

101. MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether all public markets in Nedumangad and Chirayinkil are provided with proper urinals; and

(b) if not, which of the markets are without urinals and why?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) All the public markets in the Chirayinkil taluk are provided with urinals. The public markets in the Nedumangad taluk have not been provided with urinals, for want of funds.

MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI : May I know whether Government do not think it necessary to provide the public market in Nedumangad taluk with urinals?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR : The Government will consider the question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know what the Government means by saying "for want of funds" in respect of construction of urinals?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR : No provision has been made in the budget for that purpose.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : Am I to take it that want of funds means want of provision in the budget or want of funds consequent to the collection received from the markets?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR : All that it means is want of provision of funds under the particular item for that particular taluk.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know who is responsible for not providing funds for this necessary item of expenditure in respect of markets out of which a large revenue is made by Government?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR : Funds are provided on certain principles in the budget and it was not possible to provide funds for this purpose for the Nedumangad taluk, for the particular year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI : May I know the principle on which funds are generally provided for urinals in the budget?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR : Requirements of other departments have also to be met.